

Concerning the establishment of a secondary allocation for Amateur Radio Service 5.250 - 5.400 MHz. Please strongly consider suballocating some portion, preferably the bottom 75Khz of the allocation, for the exclusive use of digital modes. These efficient and reliable modes, rtty, PSK31, CW, could be rendered unusable by interference from wider bandwidth, less efficient modes such as SSB if these radiotelephone signals are to be allowed to populate the entire band allocation.

This could have an adverse effect on preparedness for, as well as actual, low powered digital mode communications in an emergency.

In any event, allow me to express my support for RM-10209, regardless of amendments, as a necessary and very valuable addition to the Amateur Radio Service's ability to perform public service communications.

Thank you.

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